

# **Aptus Treatment Centre Volunteer Program**

Volunteer to get involved and make a Difference:

Volunteering at Aptus Treatment Centre is a great way to contribute to the community and enhance the life of children and adults with disabilities.

Are you looking to invest your time and talents to give back in your community meet new people and have new experiences?

Have you always wanted to work with children or adults?

Do you have a passion for helping others gain independence and have new experiences?

Are you looking for an opportunity to apply your skills in a meaningful way while seeking professional development opportunities?

Volunteering with Aptus Treatment Centre could be the right place for you.

Through careful recruitment, selection and supervision, our volunteers work in partnership with our dedicated staff to enhance our services and to achieve their personal and professional goals.

We have a variety of rewarding positions which include:

#### Administrative Volunteer

Assist staff with special projects and general office administrative duties. Applicants must possess accurate word processing skills and good working knowledge of the internet and Microsoft Office.

#### Program Volunteer

Interact with the people we serve. Organize and participate in individual or group play and recreational activities in one of our day programs or help our residents during outings. There are many ways one can make a difference through assisting with program activities.

#### Special Events

Help to achieve "The Possible Dream" by participating on a fundraising event committee. Be on the forefront of the planning process by helping with advertising, seeking out sponsorships, gift-in-kind and generating ticket sales.



## Sensory Camp

Volunteer at our annual 2-week summer sensory camp where you will help the people we serve have the true day camp experience.

In addition to the above volunteer opportunities we offer we would also like to have volunteers who have specialized skills and abilities that they would like to share with the people we serve, including:

- Artists
- Dentistry Students
- Nursing Students
- Expressive Art Therapists
- Skilled Trades
- Painters
- Crafters-skilled in various crafts

### **Programs and Requirements**

Candidates are required to meet the following general criteria:

- Be at least 18 years of age to volunteer within the programs or 16 years of age to volunteer at an event
- Must have a good command of the English language, both verbal and written
- Must possess a high level of maturity in order to meet the unique needs of our clients, families and staff

Some positions are short in duration while others require a longer commitment. The time, location and skill requirements vary from job to job. Our Human Resources team will work with you to gain an understanding of your volunteer expectations and determine the volunteer job match for you.

## Why volunteer at Aptus?

Volunteering at Aptus presents exciting new learning opportunities and enriching experiences.

The benefits to volunteering are endless. Whether it be through direct or indirect interaction with the people we serve and their families, you will help to improve the quality of care and the overall experience.

As a volunteer, you are an integral member of the Aptus team. The gift of your



time and talents will not go unnoticed. We depend on volunteers to help enhance the programs and services we offer and to assist staff in providing the finest standards of service that align with our strategic pillars.

## **Application Guide**

To help guide you through the application process please refer to the steps below.

## **Step One: Application**

Complete and submit an online application (PDF) for the opportunity that interests you. If invited, submit your resume and cover letter expressing your interest in volunteering

Please be advised that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Successful completion of the application process and participation in an interview does not guarantee a volunteer placement.

#### Step Two: Interview and Compliance Requirements

If you are selected for an interview, upon successful completion you will receive the necessary documentation required to complete the following:

- Criminal Record Check or Vulnerable Sector Search
- Occupational Health Requirements for TB and Immunization (Medical)

#### Step Three: Orientation and Position Specific Training

Once the compliance requirements outlined in step two above are met, you will attend a mandatory orientation session and position specific training prior to the start of your volunteer position.

### Step Four: Start volunteering!

## How we support volunteers

When you become a volunteer with Aptus, your volunteer experience is important to us. We first ensure that the program you have chosen to volunteer in will be able to meet the needs and goals that you hope to achieve. We invest in our volunteers through orientations to set you up for success, understand about Aptus's culture, provide you with the tools and resources that you will need and limit risk. Supervisors who support volunteers are engaged, professional and dedicated to ensuring each volunteer has a positive professional work environment.